

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Program Update

Qualified Technology List (QTL) Program – Upcoming Reader Vendor Workshop

The Transportation Security Administration's (TSA's) Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program will hold a workshop for reader vendors that are interested in having their reader products tested and placed onto the TWIC Reader Qualified Technology List (QTL). This will take place on August 9, 2012 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM Eastern. Information about the QTL program is available on the TSA website at www.tsa.gov/twic/reader. This workshop will be in the Washington, DC area and will be hosted by ID Technology Partners (IDTP) at their facility which is located at 12 South Summit Ave., Suite 110, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Participants will receive an update on the TWIC program and details on:

- Reader Qualified Technology List testing and qualification approach
- Overview of the clarified TWIC Reader Hardware and Card Application Specification
- TWIC test card usage for reader testing
- Procedure required to place reader(s) on the TWIC QTL

The TWIC Reader QTL program will be used to qualify readers for compliance with the TWIC Reader Hardware and Card Application Specification in advance of the U.S. Coast Guard regulation which will specify requirements for using TWIC readers in maritime facilities and on vessels that fall under the requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002. TSA's QTL program approach is to have third party laboratories test and qualify TWIC readers that will be then be placed on the QTL maintained by TSA. These laboratories are in the process of being accredited by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) through the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP). Once laboratories are accredited later this summer, TWIC reader manufacturers can submit devices for testing. TSA is pursuing an aggressive timeline for publishing the initial QTL to support the U.S. Coast Guard reader rulemaking schedule and to guide maritime facility operators who wish to acquire readers in advance of this regulation.

For reader vendors/manufactures interested in attending, please submit contact information for those attending -- including name, title, company, email and phone number -- to james.orgill@dhs.gov. Directions and additional details on this event will be provided to attendees in early August.